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## NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

### Annapolis Valley Regional Library (AVRL)

#### Career Resource Centre/Kentville Library CAP sites

In April of this year, the Town of Kentville and the surrounding area gained access to increased technology resources as a result of funding from Industry Canada and the Technology and Science Secretariat. A successful Community Access Program (CAP) application created a partnership between the Career Resource

Centre and the Kentville Branch of the Annapolis Valley Regional Library.

The Career Resource Centre, located on Main Street, is open during business hours for employment related access to computers and the Internet. As a result of the CAP funding, eight computers and other equipment are now available to the public for multi-purpose uses during scheduled evening and weekend hours. The Career Resource Centre holds workshops on a variety of topics throughout the year.

The Kentville Library located on Cornwallis Street obtained two new computers through the CAP program. The site has four public access computers as well as two reference terminals available for use Monday - Saturday for a total of 39 hours a week. LibraryNet, another Industry Canada program, provided the necessary staffing for a series of computer workshops in the library during September - November 2000 and again in January 2001.

Partnership between the two sites is based on complementary resources and hours of access. The official opening of the sites took place on September 30, 2000 at the Career Resource Centre with an open house in each location.

Questions and inquiries may be directed to Rene Keddy, CAP Coordinator for the Career Resource Centre at (902) 679-7460, e-mail: cap.coordinator@fastmail.ca or Charlotte Janes, Systems Manager for the Annapolis Valley Regional Library at (902) 665-2995, e-mail: cjanes@nsar.library.ns.ca.

## Branch Programming News

In other news, fall storytimes for pre-schoolers are taking place in Kentville, Wolfville, and Windsor branch libraries. These three sessions are organized and conducted by dedicated volunteers, with the Windsor "Fun & Fables" volunteer being our staff member, Peggy Hamilton. Peggy has offered this programme for many years - she tells us that some of her first storytime-goers have graduated from university!

Staff members Julie Johnson and Marilyn Curry of the Wolfville branch volunteered their efforts in October and November toward an organized story programme for 4-8 year olds. It took place on Thursdays at 5:30 and was called "Not-Quite-Bedtime Storytime." Children were invited to wear their slippers and bring a stuffed toy. There was a different theme for each week.

All of the above programmes are volunteer-based, even when conducted by a staff member. Public demand for programming is on the rise and a recent survey of branch staff indicates that it is a service priority of library users.

On October 22, "Peacemakers: an Association for Alternative Dispute Resolution" held an open house at the Wolfville Library. This groups deals with mediation and conflict resolution and they have generously donated hundreds of dollars to the regional library together with suggested titles of purchases on related topics. Library staff prepared an associated booklist (Peacemakers provided annotations) and both the group and the collection were promoted at the open house. About 50 people attended.

An E-business seminar was held at the CAP Lab at the Wolfville Memorial Library on October 24. The presentation was directed at small-business innkeepers and covered such topics as: how to use CAP and library resources to attract customers; how to step into e-business and who can help small business with those steps; what is free, and not free, in the world of e-business; email; web site design. This successful event, organized by Nick Kasteljanov of the Wolfville CAP site, attracted 12 local businesses.

## C@P - Community Access Program

CAP applications have been approved in principle for five AVRL communities: Middleton, Kingston, Berwick, Port Williams, and Hantsport. The library is the lead organization in each application, and initiated the process. Each proposal requested $10,000, and the result will be greatly improved access to technology, internet access, and training for the public. Proposals will be developed to match this with funding from other sources, HRDC, for example, that will continue the programming aspect of the project.

## LibraryNet

Three young people are employed with the region through LibraryNet, an Industry Canada initiative to employ youth in libraries to promote technology. In the month of October, 123 programs were delivered in nine of the

region's eleven branches. The programs have included the following: after-school programs with weekly themes for grades 3-5, seniors' mornings, one-on-one tutorials and structured workshops/courses. The 15 weeks provided by LibraryNet have proven to be very successful as some sessions were booked to their capacity weeks in advance. It is hoped that this program will be available in the fall of 2001; applications are being received by LibraryNet as soon as April, 2001.

## Cape Breton Regional Library (CBRL)

Adult Programmes are continuing at the McConnell Library. One of the most popular recent programmes was "Buying a Computer." Mr. Donnie MacNeil, a Systems Administrator with the Nova Scotia Community College offered a very interesting and informative session. All who attended felt better prepared to choose the computer and accessories that would fit their particular needs. Other popular sessions were "Investing –for the Beginner", and "Holistic Skin Care." The last session until the New Year, "Christmas Carolling," will be held on December 5.

Circulation of the video col ection continues to be strong. CBRL amended its circulation procedures for videos and staff are very pleased with the results. There are now deposit collections in a number of branches. The McConnell Library, as with the other branches, has seen a great increase in its video circulation statistics over the past year. Video circulation for October 2000 at the McConnell Library was 1,088 compared to 217 for October 1999.

## Colchester-East Hants Regional Library (CEHRL)

### Pumpkin Carving

**Folks in Truro enjoyed a wonderful evening of pumpkin carving on the library lawn Friday, October 27. CEHRL has partnered with the Cobequid Community Garden on several projects but this was the highlight of the year.**

Large and small, 73 pumpkins were carved on tables and boards and then placed outside the Truro Library front door in the early evening. Staff in Youth Services arranged Halloween craft trays for families who finished their carving and came in to visit the library. Over 235 people came to participate or view the finished product - 73 spooky pumpkins glowing in the dark on the steps of the neighbouring Truro Police Station!

### New Multiculturalism Booklet

A new Multiculturalism booklet, *If you are interested in Multiculturalism and Race Relations we invite you to explore these...*, is in place in all 5 branches to promote a new collection of materials. In January 2000, the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board and the Colchester-East Hants Regional Library signed a partnership agreement to promote and increase the circulation of multiethnic and anti-racist literature. A collection of materials was purchased by the Cobequid Race Relations Committee with a grant from the Nova Scotia Teachers' Union's PDAF (Program Development Assistance Fund.) The Library agreed to manage the collection

in order to give everyone - teachers, students, and the community - access to the material.

### Teen Friends

The Teen Friends of the Library, with its weekly program *Teen Topics*, is growing in popularity. An enthusiastic audience of 19 was treated to a martial arts demonstration and talk on the philosophy behind the disciplines by Jarrod Selkirk, a black belt in Kempo Karate, November 8. On November 9, nine members joined Teen Friends Co-ordinator, Janet Tuff, at the Remembrance Day service at the Truro cenotaph.

## Cumberland Regional Library (CURL)

### Author readings and the book club

Don Ledger, author of "Maritime UFO Files," enlightened a receptive audience in Amherst regarding alien visitations in the Maritimes. Members of the audience shared their own UFO experiences and the reading was highlighted by a slide show. In another talk, Home Care Coordinator Sharon Fairbanks gave an interesting seminar on home care for senior citizens. She outlined how the provincial government can help seniors stay in a more comfortable environment and explained the services offered.

The new book discussion group is continuing to attract new members. Margaret Atwood's "Alias Grace" and Billie Letts' "Where the Heart Is" are the latest books for the club.

## Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL)

**Children enjoying a reading activity with staff member Donna Paris in the Cyril Ward Memorial Library, Guysborough.**

**Autumn is a busy time in any library and with the recent implementation of online circulation and acquisitions, Eastern Counties branch staff have had their hands full. This hasn't stopped staff from carrying on with their ever popular children's programmes. In Guysborough County, children's programmes will get a boost with the assistance of the RCMP in Sherbrooke, Guysborough and Canso. The Adopt-a-Library Literacy Program, which originated in New Brunswick and spread to the Pictou-Antigonish region has now reached Guysborough County. Treasure chests are currently being filled with many small incentives to spur on young readers in the library's Winter Reading Programme.**

(From left to right) Constable Mark Simon, Guysborough; Constable Richard Langille, Canso; and Corporal Terry Miller, Sherbrooke, meet with ECRL CEO Linda Travis to discuss the Adopt-a-Library Literacy Program in Guysborough County.

Reaching its rural residents, both young and old, is still a top library priority. Both vans are on the road on most weekdays. Libr@ry Links sites are evolving and open houses are scheduled for early in the New Year. With numerous school closings and delays in opening the new schools, library visits to schools have been slow getting underway; however, regular schedules have now been established in most schools. The children look forward to borrowing new books and the teachers have become keen users of the online catalogue and request form.

Seniors are also active library users, although some are unable to visit library service points. More than 50 seniors take advantage of the library's homebound service and numerous others receive visits from volunteers or branch staff at local nursing homes.

It is difficult to reach all of the small, scattered communities and the rural outreach staff look forward to welcoming a new community outreach assistant who will be hired for a one year period, thanks to a Canadian Rural Partnership grant.

## Halifax Regional Library (HRL)

### Cole Harbour CAP Site

The community of Cole Harbour has new Internet access opportunities available with support of Industry Canada and the Nova Scotia Technology and Science Secretariat through the Community Access Program (CAP). The Cole Harbour Public Library and Cole Harbour Place will host the official opening of the Cole Harbour CAP Site in January 2001.

As well as increased Internet access, the Site will have a mobile computer unit available for use in different locations within the busy community recreation facility. A coordinator has been hired to develop a committee of volunteers to assist with the operation of the site and provide computer training for community members.

Residents of the Dartmouth East, Cole Harbour and Westphal area will be able to access the Internet, use e-mail, word processing applications, and undergo computer training. The Cole Harbour CAP Site has plans to develop a community web page with links to associations, schools, businesses and organizations, as well as provide information on recreation and educational programmes in the area.

# South Shore Regional Library (SSRL)

## SSRL Automation Update

The Lunenburg Library got rave reviews from one visiting sailor this summer. From left, Barbara Himmelman, Ferron Brown and Patrice d'Entremont. Ferron Brown of Jamaica was on a ship that was at a Lunenburg shipyard and each Thursday evening he visited the library to use the public access computers.

When his ship returned to Jamaica in November, Ferron sent the photo above, which was taken during one of his Thursday visits, along with an e-mail that said, in part, "Please let me reiterate my appreciation of all the patience, kindness and friendliness that I was greeted with during my stay there. The staff of Lunenburg Library should all take a bow as you are performing a invaluable service to the wider world."

South Shore Regional Library benefitted a great deal from having a LibraryNet student this summer who not only slicked up the website, but also developed a manual for use by staff to update pages and add features. The site is now running off SSRL's own server.

Open houses at Bridgewater, Liverpool and Lunenburg saw staff in attendance to demonstrate hardware and software acquired from the Gates Library Initiative and answer questions. Use of the new computers has been high. The previous public access computers have been converted to quick express email/catalogue check stations; they too have been heavily used. In summer, many tourists come in to check their email.

The Bridgewater Library got a hand with its holiday decorating when library patron Stevan Smith dropped by with a piece of his family's handiwork. While most of the Smith family's wreaths are sent to Ontario, this one will stay behind to bring some festive cheer to the branch. Clerk Karen Cook checks out the best spot to start decking the halls.

Interlibrary Loan operations are now automated. Staff visited Western and Annapolis regions to observe their procedures before developing ones for SSRL. Most of the glitches have been ironed out.

The Mobile Branches continue to use a combination of cell-phone connections and Wordpad to support automation. CDPD connections lurk in the near future to hopefully improve connectivity and line speed. The presence of a powerful magnet inside a microwave oven carried on one of the Mobiles turned out to be an elusive source of frustration for several months. The magnet was causing the laptop perched on the counter above it to malfunction. Even when not in use, microwave magnets can interfere with computers.

Liverpool Branch is the home of a new C@P site. Six computers, a colour and black/white printer and a scanner are now available for public use. A digital camera will be added soon. The grant application included hiring a part-time site supervisor to get courses lined up and make community contacts.

## Western Counties Regional Library (WCRL)

### Library A Leader during Leave A Legacy Week

Leave A Legacy
Nova Scotia

Western Counties Regional Library has taken a leading role in the development of a *Leave A Legacy* (LAL) Program for South Western Nova Scotia. The program provides information to the public about planning their estates and encourages individuals to make estate gifts to charitable organizations of their choice. To date five non-profit organizations in the region, including the library, are included in the 83 charities listed with LAL in Nova Scotia.

Plans are in the works for a representative from LAL to visit the region early in the new year to further explain LAL and the benefits the program has for non-profit organizations. Regional Library Director, Trudy Amirault, and Public Relations Manager, Paulette Sweeney-Goodwin, attended a Planned Giving seminar in Halifax during LAL week in October. The seminar was part of the commitment LAL has made to its members to provide training and assistance in the development of a Planned Giving program. To register your non-profit organization, or to find out more about *Leave A Legacy* check out the web site at www.mic.ns.ca/leavealegac or contact Paulette at 742-2486.

### Partnership Building

Annapolis Valley Regional Library is partnering with Western Counties Regional Library as part of the Western Valley Development Authority Smart Communities demonstration project. The main focus for both partners is to construct a virtual library whereby residents can access library service twenty-four hours a day. On-line services will be developed and then delivered through the one hundred kiosks that will be installed in Annapolis and Digby Counties. These new services will be also be available to the remainder of the two regions through public access computers in libraries, in schools, in homes, and at CAP sites.

### Satellite Libraries

Born from a desire to strengthen its presence and to improve the provision of service in rural and remote communities in Southwestern Nova Scotia, WCRL has established three satellite libraries in the region. The libraries are located in Woods Harbour, Birchtown, and Sandy Cove. The model of service is based on practices developed over the past several years at the Digby Neck CAP site. The satellite libraries, staffed by CAP volunteers, deliver online service via the library's web page and provide direct library service with a regular delivery of book deposit collections.

### Staffing Notes

**WCRL Children's Coordinator, Joanne Head, is the Chair of the 2001 Atlantic Canadian Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Awards slated to take place in Halifax in May. Mike Durkee has been hired for two years as a Library Mentor. The position, funded by the Southwest Shore Development Authority and Western Counties Regional Library, involves public and staff training using the Gates Computer Lab and training at other CAP sites across the region. David Coulstring will be working part time for the next forty-eight weeks to develop web content for the WCRL home page. His position is funded by the Community Access Program**

## Friends in Action

**Friends of the Library groups have been in place at six branch libraries dating back to 1996. The groups are proud of their local libraries and are dedicated to lending a helping hand for the benefit of their branch.**

**The Clark's Harbour Friends have just completed another very successful 'Dutch Auction' where over $700 was raised. The Shelburne Friends will be hosting their annual bake sale on December 10 at the McKay Memorial Library. The Yarmouth Friends hosted a giant booksale from November 30 - December 2 in the adult programme room of the branch. They are also finalizing plans for the installation of a bookshelf for a continuous booksale. The Pubnico Friends will be hosting the annual Christmas Cookie Decorating programme in memory of Virginia d'Eon.**

## REGIONAL PUBLIC LIBRARIES FUNDING REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT 2000

**The Minister of Education, Jane Purves, released the *Report of the Regional Public Libraries Funding Formula Review Committee*, containing funding recommendations for the period April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2004 on November 16, 2000. The Committee, comprised of representatives from municipalities, regional library boards, and the Department of Education, built upon the direction taken by the 1997 Committee with the goal of achieving a standard minimum level of public library service in every regional public library throughout the province thereby improving services, enhancing lifelong learning opportunities, and expanding innovative means of service delivery through the use of information technology.**

**In measuring public libraries' progress toward meeting the minimum Library service standards, the 2000 Committee has determined that the existing Library service standards require further development in the areas of technology and alternative methods of service delivery. As well, the 2000 Committee also reviewed the challenges that continue to face the Eastern Counties Regional Library Board in delivering quality library service to a small, mainly rural population spread over a large geographic area, and the need for capital funding for library facilities.**

**The funding recommendations will be considered during the Department of Education's budgetary process.**

# MOUNT UNIACKE LIBRARY

**The official opening of the Mount Uniacke Public Library and CAP site took place October 28. Two hundred people attended the ceremonies, which included a ribbon cutting by Lloyd Matheson, Warden for the Municipality of East Hants.**

**The children's room was opened by Mrs. Catherine Butler in memory of her late husband, Kenneth W.J. Butler. The programme was emceed by George Findlay, the Chairperson of the Friends of the Uniacke Public Library Association. Present among other guests were Karen Parusel, Nova Scotia CAP Manager, Edith Patterson, Chair of the Colchester-East Hants Regional Library Board, and Janet Pelley, Regional Library Director.**

**It should be noted that the opening of this community library was made possible by the determined efforts and dedication of the Friends' 13-member board, with the assistance of the two local councillors. The library organization was begun early in 1999 with a proposed budget of $125,000 and the hope that financial assistance would be available from the Colchester-East Hants Regional Library and the Provincial Library. However, no funding could be provided and the Friends of the Uniacke Public Library Association set out on their own. A number of in-kind donations, fund raisers, a CAP grant, and a generous contribution from Mrs. Butler has helped the group to raise over $90,000 to date!**

Young guests at the official opening reception of the Mount Uniacke Public Library take a look at what the library has to offer.

Due to delays in rolling out the materials cataloguing system and in hiring a staff member, the opening has also been delayed. The library is expected to open to the public in early December and the facility will be open Tuesdays to Saturdays.

The CAP program, however, is now underway and will become a featured part of the library. Many seniors and others who have not had the opportunity to learn much about computer applications have already enrolled in the programme.

As part of the on-going fundraising campaign a wall mural was painted by Terrie Greencorn and is now known as the "Wall of Honour." Additional bricks may be purchased from $100.00 and up. Donors are acknowledged with a suitable colour coded plaque.

If you would like more information about the Library and how you could make a contribution, contact George Findlay at 866-2252. The phone number at the library is 866-0124. The library is located at 555 #1 Highway, next to the Uniacke and District School.

## Did You Know

## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES (SLIS)

This month the focus of our column is research being done by Haidar Moukdad, who teaches in the IT area. Presently, search engines are provided on all Government of Canada's sites with a wide spectrum of search features and facilities, and they provide access to documents in both official languages: English and French. While the technology and the good intentions are there, the question to be asked is: Is it sufficient to provide any search engine on a site and let the user handle the rest? From an academic viewpoint, the answer is unequivocal no. In fact, there is a need for empirical studies to evaluate the search engines on the Government's sites and investigate ways to improve their efficiency.

Haidar's research focuses on investigating the array of search features provided by these engines, on their availability in the two official languages, and on developing a search engine model suitable for government use. The two major issues addressed by the research are the need to standardise features

**across all sites and the necessity of providing one search interface to them. Student research assistants will actively participate in this project through initiating contacts with Government departments, conducting systematic analyses of search engines, and working on the design/development of a model search engine. These contacts and research activities will enrich students' academic experience and help to develop distinguished professional profiles.**

**Michael Colborne, Coordinator of User Services, Nova Scotia Provincial Library, visited Heidi Julien's Marketing class at Dalhousie's School of Library and Information Studies to discuss the video *Libraries: where the future begins*. Included in the discussion were the development of the Library Public Awareness Working Group and the strategies for marketing and promoting public libraries that led to the production of the video in 1999. The video has been used successfully for library board orientation, presentations to politicians and community groups, and is often included as part of Library Advocacy Now training. Michael also showed the class the video produced by the New York Library Association, *Library stories*.**

**(Left to right) Bertrum MacDonald, Director, School of Library and Information Studies; Roch Carrier, National Librarian of Canada, who gave a public talk on November 10, 2000 at the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies, called *The Vision of the National Library of Canada for the Twenty-First Century*.**

**Roch Carrier was appointed Canada's fourth National Librarian on October 1, 1999. Over the past year he has initiated a review of the operation of the National Library of Canada, and appointed several task forces to develop strategy for this major national institution. In this lecture he set out the vision of the National Library in its significant role in Canada's information infrastructure.**

**Future columns will highlight other projects ongoing at the School. For further information about these or any other SLIS activities and programmes contact the Director, Bertrum MacDonald, at macdonal@is.dal.ca, (902) 494-2472 or visit the web site at: http://www.mgmt.dal.ca/slis.**

## NATIONAL LIBRARY OF CANADA'S NEW ONLINE SERVICE

**The National Library of Canada is one of the first participants in a group of public and private libraries around the world developing a free online reference service to answer research questions from a public often overwhelmed by the Internet's wealth of information and uncertain about its sources. CANOE, Canada's Internet News site carried this story (abridged below) on November 20, 2000.**

A Web site, expected to be available by June, will help direct a query to the appropriate library. That could produce answers, for example, from a library in Australia if the question concerns the history of Aborigines. "We know the quality of information we have in libraries and we want to bring that to the Internet," said Donna Dinberg, systems librarian at the National Library of Canada, one of the first participants in the Comprehensive Digital Reference Service.

In a trial that began recently, about 60 libraries started taking questions from library patrons. Questions must be submitted through a member of the library consortium -- either through a visit, an e-mail, fax or telephone call -- and passed along through the network. Diane Nester Kresh, director of public service collections at the U.S. Library of Congress, which is co-ordinating the project, said she expects to offer the service through a public Web page by June.

Neighbourhood libraries will still have a place in the network. Nancy O'Neill at the public library in Santa Monica, Calif., said the reference service dramatically expands the resources of a city library. "It's my opinion that there are a whole lot more people out there who have an information need that we can answer accurately with authoritative information," O'Neill said. You can find the full story at http://www.canoe.ca/TechNews0011/20_library-ap.html.

# NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL LIBRARY (NSPL) NEWS

## Council of Youth Services Meeting

The fall meeting of the Council on Youth Services is usually the first opportunity for Council members to have a look at design ideas for the Summer Reading Programme for the following summer. At the October meeting at Alderney Gate Public Library, Barry Donovan, who has designed all previous Summer Reading Programme posters, presented his ideas for the 2001 theme: Don't bug me, I'm reading! Council members brainstormed programming ideas for this theme and discussed appropriate promotional items. Other items on the agenda included ideas for the 2002 programme, revised terms of reference, Hackmatack update, and sponsorship opportunities.

# TRAINING NOTES

Debbie Costelo from the Nova Scotia Community College Library gave a second presentation of her workshop, *The Reference Interview*, to 21 library staff on November 17. Joanne McCarthy from Halifax Regional Library, recently gave another of her workshops on *Genealogy* to 17 staff. Both workshops were held at the Nova Scotia Provincial Library. Thanks to both of these librarians who gave so freely of their time and talents!

Carol Morris and Frank Oram from Nova Scotia Provincial Library gave workshops on *Business Sources* and *Current Awareness* to 11 staff of the Western Counties Regional Library in Yarmouth on November 20. Carol also gave a workshop on *Business Sources* to seven staff at CEHRL on November 3.

November Automation Training included Policy Management at Cape Breton Regional Library and Acquisition Training at South Shore Regional Library.

# STAFFING NOTES

## Wayne Pellerine Receives Long Service Award

Wayne Pellerine, Shipping Clerk, Nova Scotia Provincial Library was presented with a Long Service Award at a ceremony held at the World Trade and Convention Centre on November 6, 2000. This award represents 25 years of service with the provincial government. The awards were presented by the Premier and the Lieutenant Governor. Wayne began working at the Provincial Library in October 1975.

From then until December 1995, Wayne spent his days delivering films, videos, equipment, and museum kits to schools in the Halifax area, making weekly deliveries of catalogued library materials to the former Halifax County Library and helping out in the shipping area when schools were closed. He currently operates the shipping area for the Provincial Library and Learning Resources and Technology, while helping out with the Technology Recycling Program on a weekly basis. Congratulations to Wayne on his award!

## Coordinator, Technical Services, Nova Scotia Provincial Library

(Left to right) Betsy Armstrong, Acting Director, Provincial Library; Bernadette Kennedy, Project Manager, Access to N.S. Library Holdings, and Marged Dewar, who joined NSPL as Coordinator, Technical Services, on November 27, 2000. Marged has been with the Nova Scotia Department of Education Library for the last four years, most recently as the Departmental Librarian.

During that period, she also managed the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic and the Nova Scotia Museum Libraries, completing successful catalogue automation projects for both libraries. Prior to that, Marged was with the Corporate Research and Information Centre at Nova Scotia Power. Marged's earlier

experience includes technical services at the Victoria Public Library and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. She is looking forward to working with the regional libraries across the province and the staff at the Provincial Library.

## Barry Donovan's Retirement from Learning Resources and Technology (LRT)

(Left to right at back) Etta Moffat, Curator, Publication & Design, Heritage resource Services; Robert Frame, retired Director of Museum Services, and the man who hired Barry 25 years ago; Stephen Archibald, manager, Interpretation section, Museum of natural History. All have worked closely with Barry over the past two decades.

(Front) Ray Whitley, Coordinator, Media Production, LRT presents Barry Donovan, LRT/NSPL's long-serving Graphic Designer, with a gift.

Contributed by Ray Whitley, Coordinator, Media Production, LRT.

"Readers of *The Disseminator* may not realize how much of our visual presence here at the dear ol' NSPL is actually a creation of the graphic artist at our sister shop at 3770 Kempt Road, Learning Resources and Technology. All of the Summer Reading Programme art, for example; all the Education Week posters from year one; many of our forms and reports; and even some of the logos for the Regions - all these came from Barry's able pen - or, these, days, able cursor.

So, it was a very special occasion on November 8 when Barry's colleagues and friends gathered in our classroom space to wish him well on the occasion of his retirement from the civil service. Many old friends were there to congratulate him, including even Robert Frame, a retired Nova Scotia Museum Director who actually first hired Barry to assist in the design of Sherbrooke Village some 29 years ago, back when disco had not yet happened.

There were, of course, the usual speeches and presentations, as well as the sort of pot-luck spread that we at LRT/NSPL like to think *we* do better than most. (Go ahead, prove us wrong - but you have to invite us all to do so!) And we sent our man off to open his very own design business with a CD burner, on us. We all had a glorious time - congratulations, Barry!- and we can heartily recommend his talent to anyone needing graphic work out there in virtual reality. We'll even have his e-mail address as soon as he sets up his new computer."

### In Memory of Beverly Brucha

Some of our readers may remember Beverley Brucha who held various positions at Halifax County Regional Library. An edited excerpt follows from the Thunder Bay Chronicle-Journal, October 20, 2000.

Beverley J. Brucha passed away in Thunder Bay Regional Hospital on Thursday, October 19, 2000. Beverley's memory will live on through her husband of 29 years, M. Paul Brucha. Beverley came to Thunder Bay in late 1997 as the Chief Librarian for the Thunder Bay Public Library. Beverley's educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Library Science degrees from McGill University, a certificate in Business Management from Dalhousie University and Office Information Systems Management from the Technical University of Nova Scotia. She served as the Assistant Executive Officer of the Halifax County Regional Library in Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia prior to assuming her Chief Librarianship in Thunder Bay.

**Beverley was also Acting Chief Executive Officer of Halifax County Regional Library in the mid 1990s. Beverley's service to the communities that she lived in showed her commitment and dedication to many causes. Beverley was a big football fan, fisherwoman, and curler. She also enjoyed reading, needlepoint, and sewing. Her compassion and zest for life was evidenced by her interest in breeding and showing St. Bernard dogs. Beverly will be sorely missed by her family, friends and by the Board and Staff of the Thunder Bay Public Library.**

## HOT TIPS & UPDATES

### It's a Wrap on *Libraries: Beacons of Light*

**White Point Resort in beautiful Queen's County in October was the location of the 2000 Nova Scotia Library Association annual conference. The Atlantic Ocean's surf and 3/4 mile of white sand beach make a colourful background.**

***Libraries: Beacons of Light*** **shone through the fog as some 125 souls braved the elements to attend the Nova Scotia Library Association annual conference at White Point Beach Resort. National Librarian Roch Carrier was escorted into the conference room by uniformed members of the King's Orange Rangers, the leader of whom bore a strong resemblance to Region of Queens Municipality Mayor John Leefe.**

(Left to right) Roch Carrier, National Librarian; Alan Wilson, President of the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia; Tom Sheppard, Chair of the SSRL Board at the NSLA opening reception.

Mr. Carrier spoke from both his personal experience of books and libraries as well as his responsibilities as National Librarian. He was, as more than one delegate remarked, "inspiring." And then it was on to the workshops for tips on everything from streetsmarts to stress relief. The conference was summed up in this comment, on an evaluation form from a satisfied delegate, "I always come away with new perspectives and expanded knowledge. Thanks for keeping these conferences affordable and accessible to all library staff."

## Children's Book Week Gala Celebrates Richness of Atlantic Children's Literature

The second Children's Book Week Gala, co-sponsored by the Ann Connor Brimer Award, the Nova Scotia Children's Literature Roundtable and the Canadian Children's Book Centre, attracted a large and enthusiastic crowd of book lovers to the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic on November 3. Since the Ann Connor Brimer Award is now presented in May with the Atlantic Book Awards, the local children's literature community wanted to maintain an event to celebrate Children's Book Week in November and the Gala idea has been a great success!

The first part of the programme is the Ann Connor Brimer Keynote Address, where a noted children's writer is invited to share their views on the growth and development of children's literature in the region. This year's special guest was award-winning author Joan Clark, who is a true citizen of Atlantic Canada, having been born in Liverpool, N.S., lived for a time in New Brunswick and currently residing in Newfoundland. Joan highlighted the accomplishments of people like Ann Connor Brimer in helping children's literature in the region grow into the thriving community of writers and illustrators which exists today.

Following the keynote address, seven local authors/illustrators with new books had an opportunity to introduce their work to the audience. The authors and their books were:

Lesley Choyce - *Far Enough Island*
Jeff and Kristen Domm - *Ahmed and the Nest of Sand*
Maureen Hull - *Wild Cameron Women*
Laura Jolicoeur - *Moons and Mermaids*
Alan MacAulay - *Sticky Fingers*
Susan Tooke - *A Seaside Alphabet*
Debbie Van Der Wiel - *We Followed the Stars to Canada*
The audience was especially delighted by the children who assisted Laura Jolicoeur with a "readers theatre" type presentation of her book!

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Woozles Appreciation Award for support of children's literature to Jane Buss of the Writers Federation of Nova Scotia. The presentation was made by Liz Crocker who gave Jane well-deserved praise for her strong support of children's writers over the years.

The success of the Hackmatack Award, and the growing number of successful new writers from this region certainly underscore the fact that we do have a lot to celebrate each year when Children's Book Week rolls around. However, as emcee Heather MacKenzie noted in her introduction, there is still work to be done, especially in the area of school libraries and school funding in general, which means that teachers and school library staff are having real difficulty in getting good books to their students.

We must enjoy our success, but take up the challenge to solve some of these problems as well. The Gala concluded with a reception with food provided by Maple Leaf Catering. Anyone wishing to nominate a book for the 2001 Ann Connor Brimer Award can contact Lara McAllister at the Bedford Branch of the Halifax Regional Library at 490-5855.

## CASLIS Atlantic members tour CBC library facilities

On November 3, 2000, seventeen members of the Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Information Studies (CASLIS) Atlantic Chapter enjoyed an exciting tour of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)'s library and archiving facilities in Halifax. The group began its evening with a light luncheon and get together in the CBC Radio building where members had the chance to mingle and chat with Doug Kirby, Media Coordinator of Broadcast Materials. Mr. Kirby then took the group on a tour of the library and archiving facilities, including the Videotape Storage Room and the Archives Project Room located in the CBC Radio building, the state of the art Cold Storage Vault located in the Summer Street Campus of the Nova Scotia Community College, and the CBC Library, located on the third floor of the CBC Television Building, Bell Road. Mr. Kirby gave an overview of library operations as well as an in-depth look at cataloguing practices for broadcast media.

During the tour, members visited the Control Room of the *Canada Now* Broadcast and Video Editing Room and spoke briefly with CBC staff. The hospitality shown by Mr. Kirby and other CBC personnel during the visit was greatly appreciated by the group. An additional high point to the evening came when the group had the opportunity to attend a live taping of the CBC production, *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*, tickets arranged by Mr. Kirby.

## Teleconference - Interpreting and Applying Library Service Policies

A number of library professionals attended the *Public and Policies: Interpreting and Applying Library Service Policies Teleconference*, viewed via satellite transmission, Friday November 17, 2000, at the Nova Scotia Provincial Library. During the teleconference, presenter Debra Wilcox Johnson, of Johnson & Johnson Training Consultants, examined the purpose of library service policies and the importance of keeping the customer in mind when developing policies. Mrs. Wilcox Johnson emphasized the need to revisit policies regularly to ensure they work and "enable use" of the library. She stressed the need for policies to be adaptable to customer needs, while still providing parameters of conduct which safeguard the rights of all library patrons. Her strategy for developing policies focused on exploring the consequences of saying "yes."

Nova Scotia Provincial Library has a non-circulating video of the teleconference available for onsite viewing. Please contact Bernadette Kennedy (424-3791) to make arrangements to view it.

Upcoming teleconferences include: *Human values in a Technological* Age (to be aired January 19, 2001) and *Agents, Bots* and *Intelligent dots: The Technology Behind Electronic Document* (to be aired March 23, 2001). Plan to take advantage of these informative sessions! For more information please contact Bernadette Kennedy by phone (424-3791) or email kennedba@gov.ns.ca.

## HOT Deadline approaching for Hackmatack Book Awards 2001

Send in your registration for the Hackmatack Award 2001 now! The Hackmatack Award has entered its

**second season and the 20 newly nominated books represent the best of recently published Canadian literature for children. Young readers' votes will decide on the two Hackmatack Award winners in the spring, 2001. Participating reading groups will receive a copy of project manuals containing information on the award and the nominated books as well as many useful tips and activities for young readers to enjoy.**

**Registrations for Hackmatack Award 2001 will close on December 31, 2000. Contact us for more information by phone at (902)424-3774 or E-mail our office at hackmatack@hackmatack.ca. You can obtain a copy of the registration form by visiting the website at www.hackmatack.ca.**

## REFERENCE ON THE NET

**Here are some more reference questions referred to the Provincial Library by the Regional Public Libraries. They were answered from resources found on the Internet.**

**Q. The patron wants a picture of a Serbian police officer in order to illustrate a children's book.**

**A. Foreign Government Resources on the Web, Documents Center, University Library, University of Michigan at http://www.lib.umich.edu/libhome/Documents.center/foreign.html is a good place to start a search for this request. At the Countries Index click on the appropriate link to get Serbia. Then click on this to get the "Serbia-Info (Ministry of Information)" link at http://www.serbia-info.com/index.html. On the left side of this page click on "Links" and this takes you to a page where you will find the "Ministry of Interior Republic of Serbia". Click here and then click on the blue tab for the "Ministry of Interior" on the left side of the page. This brings up another list including "Insignia, ranks and uniforms". At the bottom of the "Insignia, ranks and uniforms" page at http://www.mup.sr.gov.yu/domino/mup.nsf/pages/index-e, there is a picture of two Serbian police officers which looks like it would be suitable.**

**Q. Would like to find patterns for knitting Lopi sweaters.**

**A. The Canadian Living magazine Craft Index at http://www.canadianliving.com/new/craftindex/craftindex.html has listings for crafts featured in the magazine from 1975 to 1999. There is a link to the listings for each year but as there is no search capability, the contents for each year have to be browsed which makes this index a bit hard to use. Two patterns for Lopi sweaters were found in the 1995 listing and one was found in the 1994 listing.**

Information & Resources

## LINKed

**This month's Linked column is about some sites which have information on awards and their winners. Several literary award sites are presented as well as Canadian award information on the Governor General's site, sites for film and music awards and the Nobel Foundation site. These five sites each bring together international literary awards. The more well-known awards appear on all of the sites, but in addition each site features less well known awards not found elsewhere so if you can't find an award on one site try the others.**

**Award-Winning Books which has a very long address at http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/subst/lists/awards/awards.html/ref=b_tn_aw/002-7381393-8670260 is part of Amazon.com. There are winners, nominees, and a brief history of each award plus news of up-coming prizes.**

**The BookWire Index Book Awards at http://www.bookwire.com/index/Book-Awards.html has a list of annotated links to American and international literary awards pages.**

**Literary Prizes and Awards at http://www.ccc.govt.nz/Library/Guides/LiteraryPrizes is produced by Canterbury Public Library in Christchuch, New Zealand and lists literature awards for both children and adults. Brief information is provided on each award along with lists of past winners.**

**AwardWeb: Collections of Literary Award Information at http://dpsinfo.com/awardweb/ specializes in Science Fiction awards, but there are many other literary awards listed here as well.**

**The Database of Award-Winning Children's Literature at http://www2.wcoil.com/~ellerbee/childlit.html is produced by a Reference Librarian at California State University, San Bernardino. It has a search page which can be set to specify age, genre, award, ethnicity, gender, historical period, publication year and format.**

**Canadian Honours at http://www.gg.ca/honour_e.html is part of the Governor General's site. There are searchable listings of the winners of The Order of Canada, The Meritorious Service Decorations, The Governor General's Caring Canadian Award and The Governor General's Academic Medal. The French version of this page is available at http://www.gg.ca/honour_f.html.**

**Nobel e-Museum at http://www.nobel.se is the official Website of the Nobel Foundation. The site provides information on Alfred Nobel, the prizes, and medals. The prize winners, or laureates, are listed in a searchable database which includes biographical data. You can search for a particular medal winner by entering a name in the "Find a Laureate" search box or if you want to browse through a list of winners in an area click on the Physics, Chemistry, Medicine, Literature, Peace or Economics tabs at the top of the page.**

**The Academy Awards® Database at http://www.oscars.org/awards_db is provided by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. It contains information on Oscar winners from 1927 to present. Searches can be limited by year, category and "Winners Only." The Academy's Scientific and Technical Awards database is available on the same site at http://www.oscars.org/scitech_db.**

**At The Grammy Awards section, http://www.grammy.com/awards on the web site of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences there is a database of winners going back to 1958, the first year of the Grammy Awards. Click on "Grammy Search" to get the search page where you can search by recipient, genre, year, title of work and/or artist performing the work.**

**Web sites which were featured in previous "Linked" columns are now arranged by subject category on the Reference Services page of the Provincial Library web site at http://www.library.ns.ca/reference/index.html. If you have any suggestions about future topics for this column please contact Carol Morris at morrisc@gov.ns.ca.**

## PROFESSIONAL READING

**In this month's column, two American Library Association video programmes, recently added to our professional collection are featured. These items can be borrowed through regular interlibrary loan channels.**

**Differences make us stronger [ videorecording ]: diversity in the library. Baltimore; MD: Library Video**

**Network, 1995. [1 videocassette ( VHS 37 min.) Call # : Prof 027 .63 Dif.**
**The central theme of this video programme is that the staff of libraries and the populations they serve are growing increasingly more diverse. Library users of different ethnic backgrounds, with different abilities and different needs, challenge libraries to be the place for everyone to get the information and materials they need. This programme looks at these changes and how they affect staff and the customers served. Five topic areas are explored: customer service; materials, services, and programmes; communication; the workplace; the training. Interviews with academic and public librarians on their approaches to encouraging diversity in the library are featured.**

**Teamwork basics [ videorecording ]. Towson, Md: Library Video Network, 2000. [ 1 videocassette (VHS 15 min.) Call #: Prof 658 .4 Tea.**
**This short videorecording attempts to show how teams can be an effective and efficient method of ensuring your library or department works at peak performance. It provides tips and strategies for implementing productive teams. This video looks at a successful cross - departmental team and explains the strategy behind their successes.**

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